

## M A N N E R S

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## C U S T O M S

Of the Principal Nations of



## EUROPE.

erred together by the particular Observation of JAMES SALGADO, a *Spaniard*, in his Travels through those Countries; and Translated into English by the Authors Care, Anno 1685.

*In Counsel.*

THE *German's* flow, but sure, no froth nor flash;  
The *English* resolute; The *French* are rash,  
*Italian's* subtil, politick and wise;  
*Spaniard* cautious, wary to advise.

*In Faith.*

*German's* firm; the *English* doth distrust;  
*French* unstable, light as Summers Dust;  
*Italian* does, as Int'rest bids, believe;  
*Spaniards* Faith is, that he may deceive.

*In Love.*

*Germans* know not what this passion means;  
*English* somewhat; *France* is all extreams;  
*Italian* Loves Intrigues can carry on;  
*Spaniard* Loves to purpose like a Man.

*In Stature.*

*Germans* they are bulky, big, and tall;  
*English* comly, well proportion'd all;  
*French* do twine, and twist their Bodies so,  
th'th' Devil himself can scarce their Stature know;  
*Italian's* middle seiz'd, not short, nor tall;  
*Spaniard* is ill featur'd, swarthy, small.

*In Clothes.*

*German's* Garb is coarse, Cloath spun at home;  
*French* and *English* change with every Moon;  
all their changes lavishly profuse,  
though 'twas all for show, and not for use;  
their Apparel the *Italians* spare;  
all the *Spaniards* very modest are.

*In Science.*

The *Germans* Pedants are in Sciences;  
The *English* Philosophically wise;  
The *French* do's something of all Knowledge sound;  
*Italians* Doctor-like; *Spaniards* profound.

*In Secrecy.*

What *Germans* hear, it gets out of their Head;  
The *English* know what should be done, or said;  
The Leaky *French* for Secrecy are Fools;  
Secrets run throug them, through some thousand holes;  
The mute *Italian* has no Tongue for this;  
The *Spaniard* close, faithful, and silent is.

*In Language.*

The *Germans* mad-men like, speak wild and bold;  
The *English* speaks, for fear his Mouth catch cold,  
Like Lady small-mouth; and the *French* do's cant;  
As Madam-finging, agrees in Patch and Paint;  
The *Italian* like Stage-Play'rs acts his words;  
The manly *Spaniard* Nature's Voice affords.

*In Injuries and Favours.*

The *Germans* neither good nor evil do;  
The *English* both, if Causes call thereto;  
The *French* their good forget, their wrongs forgive;  
The *Italians* love, whom they their Friends believe,  
Firm to their hate, in their Revenge they're mad;  
The *Spaniard's* most alike, if not as bad.

*In Feasting.*

The *German* drowns in Wine his Wits, and Might,  
In various Plenty th' *English* do delight;  
*Monsieur's* for kick-shaws delicate, fine knacks;  
The *Italian's* sober; but the *Spaniard* lacks:  
When he does Feast his Lords and Dukes, he has  
But one poor pound of Meat, and twelve of Grass.



### *In Manners.*

The *German's* clownish ; th' *English* are austere ;  
The *French* are courteous, kind, and Debonair ;  
Th' *Italian's* in his Carriage very Civil ;  
The scornful *Spaniard* proud as any Devil.

### *In Courage and Mind.*

Rough like a Bear, the *Germans* seem to us ;  
Like Lyons the *English*, Great and Generous ;  
Quick piercing Eagle-like the *French* ; no less  
Th' *Italian* Fox-like, thrives by craftiness ;  
The *Spaniard* bears an Elephant-like state,  
Majestick, slow grave, and deliberate.

### *In Grandeur and Stateliness.*

The *German's* Grandeur is where none doth see ;  
The *English* love Magnificence at Sea ;  
But the *French* Court is glorious, great and brave ;  
And sumptuous Churches will the *Italians* have ;  
The *Spaniard* loves his Armour should be fine,  
And seeks in splendid Coats of Mail to shine.

### *In Beauty.*

The *Germans* seem like Statues made of Brass ;  
The *French* has Mans, the *English* Angels face ;  
The *Italians* so and so ; but you may trace  
The Devil's Hoof, i'th' *Spaniard* cloven Face.

### *In Writing.*

The *Germans* speak but bad, yet much do write ;  
The *English* Speech's not well, his Lines polite ;  
The *French* speak well, yet they can best indite ;  
The *Italians* is but so and so in both ;  
The *Spaniard* would do well were't not for sloth.

### *In Presence.*

The *German* is a Sot, so speak his Eyes ;  
The *English* looks not over Fool, nor Wise ;  
The *French* seems mad, yet few their wit can scan ;  
The *Italian* seems, and is a prudent man ;  
But formal *Spaniard* with's deep Gravity,  
Would fain seem wise, yet none more Fool than he.

### *In Laws.*

The *Germans* Laws are rigid and severe,  
Yet towards these they strict Observance bear ;  
*France* to good Laws gives no Obedience due ;  
The *English* still are hankering after new ;  
The *Italians* have good Laws, which they observe ;  
The *Spaniards* from nor good nor bad dare swerve.

### *In Service.*

*Germans* are Slaves ; the *English* Free-men all ;  
Humble the *French* ; the *Italian* punctual ;  
The *Spaniard*, as it do's his state besit,  
In Service doth obediently submit.

### *In Humour and Disposition.*

The *German's* changeable like Wind and Air ;  
The *French* is chearful, brisk, and jocular ;  
The *English* is consorious, full of Gall,  
Tart in Reflections, and Satyrical ;  
The *Italian* he is Complaisant and Brave ;  
The *Spaniard* Majestick is and Grave.

### *In Religion.*

The *German* is Religious throughout ;  
Zealous the *French* ; the *English* are devour ;  
Th' *Italians* every Superstition try ;  
The *Spaniard's* stult with grave Hypocrisie.

### *In Marriage.*

The *German's* Lord and Master of his Wife ;  
The *English* with them lead a Slavish Life ;  
The *French* like yoke-fellows, keep to the L  
Of their Estate, and equally do draw ;  
Th' *Italians* Wives may them their Jaylors call  
The *Spaniard's* cruel, and tyrannical.

### *The Women.*

The *German* Women are good, chaste, and cold  
In *England* they are Queens, free, head-strong, bold  
The *French* are Noble Madams, but (all know)  
They're wanton and lascivious like a Goar ;  
Th' *Italians* they are wicked, though confin'd ;  
In *Spain* they're Handmaids of an Amorous mind

### *In Diseases and Infirmities.*

The knotty Gout does rack the *German-Toes* ;  
The great Sir P--- gets *Monsieur* by the Nose ;  
The Scurvey does the *English* over-run ;  
*Italy* is by Pestilence undone ;  
The *Spaniards* for cold Swellings have no ease ;  
King's-Evil is their Catholick Disease.

### *In Civil Business and Meetings.*

The *German* well begins, concludes amiss ;  
The *English* man wedded to his Judgment is ;  
The *French* capricious, windy, giddy, vain ;  
The *Italian* shows he has a Politick Brain ;  
But various the Conditions of *Spain*.

### *In Merchandizing.*

The *Germans* care at last, at first neglect ;  
Gain puffs not th' *English*, nor does loss deject ;  
*French* covet all, if without any pain ;  
Th' *Italian* well doth weigh his loss and gain ;  
The *Spaniard* never did great feats in Trade,  
Because to venture far he is afraid.

### *In Travelling.*

The *Germans* Travel, 'cause their Custome  
Th' *English* a Fool's humour for to please ;  
Th' *Italian*, and the *French*, like wise men,  
They Travel, 'tis to learn both things and men  
The *Spaniard* Travels for some want or strife  
To feed his hunger, or to save his life.